



September 5th, Wednesday, 1804 (Clark)

"...we came to on the upper pt. of a large Island at 3 oClock to make a mast Sent out Some hunters on the Island (which I call no preserve Island, at this place we used the last of our Preservs) They killed 3 bucks & two Elk which we jerked ..."

Buffalo and Elk on the Upper Missouri
by Karl Bodmer

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September 6th, Thursday, 1804 (Clark)

"...a Storm this morning from N.W. which lasted a few minits, we Set out and proceeded on passed the head of the Isd. Which is Sepperated from the L.S. by a narrow Channel, a hard wind from the N.W. a verry Cold day - we Camped on the S.S. at the upper point of Some timber, Some time before night, no timber, no timber, no timber in reach..."

September 7th, Friday, 1804 (Clark)

"...we landed near the foot of a round mounting which I saw yesterday resmbing a dome. Capt Lewis & my Self walked up, to the top which forms a cone and is about 70 feet higher than the high lands around it, the bass is about 300 foot in decending this Cupola, discovered a Village of Small animals that burrow into the grown Killed one & Cought one a live by poreing a great quantity of water in his hole... the Village of those animals covs. About 4 acrs of Ground on a Gradual decent of a hill and Contains great numbers of holes on the top which those little animals Set erect make whistling noise and whin allarmed Slip into their hole ..."



This is the first scientific recording of the prairie dog and its characteristic colonies and burrows.

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Down the Missouri...

August 31st, Saturday, 1806 (Clark)

"...all wet and disagreeable this morning. At half past 11 last night the wind Shifted about to the N.W. and it began to rain with hard claps of thunder and lightning the Clouds passd over and the wind Shifted about to the S.W. & blew with great violence So much So that all hands were obliged to hold the Canoes & Perogue to prevent their being blown off the Sand bar, however a Suden Squal of wind broke the cables of the two small canoes and with Some difficulety they were got to shore..."